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SUBJ: P.T. UNITED COCONUT INDONESIA

- 1. TO DATE AFTER SERIES OF MEETINGS IN SINGAPORE AND JAKARTA BY OPIC REP. WITH WODTKE, MILTON, AND CHERER OF PICA; J. JORDAN OF UNITED US; R. HERITIER OF CENTREX; A. BARAMULI OF P.T.POLECO, AND AFTER A SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND STOCKHOLDERS ON MAY 20, NO REPEAT NO FIRM FINANCIAL RESTRUCTURING PLAN OF SUBJECT COMPANY HAS BEEN FINALIZED BECAUSE OF J. JORDAN'S REFUSAL TO ACCEPT OPIC'S CONDITION THAT US 100,000 DOLLARS OR EQUIVALENT LOCAL CURRENCY OF SHARE SALE PROCEEDS BE DEPOSITED IN ESCROW IN AN ACCEPTABLE JAKARTA BANK AS A PREPAYMENT OF DESECCATED COCONUT.
- 2. JORDON ALLEGES ABILITY TO RAISE OVERRUN FUNDS BUT CONTINUALLY DELAYS AND ARGUES AND TURNS TO A. BARAMULI FOR SUBJECT COMPANY'S PAYROLL AND HIS PERSONAL EXPENSES.
- 3. OPIC REP. POINTED OUT TO BOARD AND STOCKHOLDERS THAT COMPANY WAS BANKRUPT; THAT ITS BANK ACCOUNTS CONUNCLASSIFIED

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SISTED OF (A) 17 US DOLLARS; (B) 5,000 US DOLLAR

EQUIVALENT OF LOCAL CURRENCY; (C) PHYSICAL PLANT COST OVERRUN EXCEEDING US \$200,000 AND (D) WORKING CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS TO JUNE 30, 1974 IN EXCESS OF US \$460,000, INCLUDING OVERRUN. OPIC REP. SUGGESTED FOLLOWING RESTRUCTURING PLAN TO BOARD AND SHAREHOLDERS:

A. P.T. POLECO ASSUME UNITED US'S OBLIGATIONS UNDER PROJECT COMPLETION AGREEMENT UPON THE PURCHASE OF UNITED US SHARE HOLDINGS. COMMENT: POLECO AGREES.

B. P.T. POLECO PURCHASE UNITED US'S 150,150 SHARES AT TOTAL PRICE OF US \$270,815. COMMENT: POLECO AGREES.

C. UNITED US SELL ITS SHARES AT PRICE IN REF. B;
TERMINATE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT; DEPOSIT
US \$100,000 IN JAKARTA BANK IN ESCROW AS A PREPAYMENT
OF DESECCATED COCONUT, WITH RIGHT OF SUBJECT COMPANY TO
DRAW AGAINST ESCROWED FUNDS UPON SUBMISSION OF APPROPRIATE
SHIPPING DOCUMENTS; AND MODIFICATION OF MARKETING
AGREEMENT, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF BOARD, OPIC, AND
POLECO. COMMENT: AT THIS TIME OPIC'S CONDITION OF
ESCROWED FUNDS PRIOR TO ANY RELEASE OF UNITED US'S
OBLIGATIONS IS UNACCEPTABLE TO JORDON. MARKETING
AGREEMENT, EXCEPT PRICING FORMULA HAS BEEN NEGOTIATED
OUT. TERM REDUCED FROM 15 TO 8 YEARS; INSURANCE OF
5 TO 10 THOUSAND SUBSTITUTED FOR FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND
DOLLAR BOND.

D. P.T. POLECO TO PURCHASE PICA SHARES AT
US \$1.50 PER SHARE. COMMENT: POLECO AGREES. PICA
FIRM AS TO SALE. PICA WILL CONSIDER AN ADDITIONAL FIVE
YEAR WORKING CAPITAL LOAN TO COMPANY AND EXTENSIONS,
IF NECESSARY. PICA AGREES TO REMAIN ON BOARD IF
JORDON IS REMOVED FROM MANAGEMENT.

E. GENTREX TO RETAIN ITS SHARE HOLDINGS AND DIRECTORSHIP. COMMENT: ANY PRIOR SUPPORT OF JORDON BY GENTREX IS NOW WITHDRAWN BY FORD (PRESENTLY IN SINGAPORE) HERITIER AND SKRINE. SKRINE AT BOARD MEETING SUBMITTED MOTION FOR IMMEDIATE REMOVAL OF JORDAN AS PRESIDENT/UNCLASSIFIED

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DIRECTOR AND THE ELECTION OF BARAMULI. MOTION TABLED TO ADJOURNED MEETING OF MAY 24. OPIC REP. DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN ABOVE DISCUSSION. PROBABLY A MISTAKE.

F. CLOSING DATE FOR REVIEW AND SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS MAY 24, SCHEDULED ADJOURNED BOARD MEETING. COMMENT: FRANK MORGAN ONLY MKK ATTORNEY AVAILABLE AND HIS TIME SCHEDULE FOR DOCUMENTS IS NEXT WEEK. OPIC REP. DRAFTING

DOCUMENTS.

- 4. NEGOTIATIONS ON MAY 22 BETWEEN OPIC REP. BARAMULI AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES OF POLECO RESULTED IN AGREEMENT BY POLECO TO ASSUME OBLIGATIONS OF PROJECT COMPLETION AGREEMENT, AFTER PURCHASING PICA SHARES, IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER JORDAN DOES OR DOES NOT SELL HIS SHARES, PROVIDED BOARD REMOVED JORDAN AS PRESIDENT/DIRECTOR AND MEMBER OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS. JORDAN TO RETAIN MARKETING AGREEMENT.
- 5. UNLESS JORDAN MODIFIES HIS STAND ON THE ESCROW FUND PROPOSAL, THIS IS THE MOST ACCEPTABLE COURSE TO FOLLOW.
- 6. PLANT IS COMPLETE AND ADEQUATE WATER SUPPLY IS REPRESENTED. THREE HOUR SATISFACTORY TEST RUN OPERATION MADE LAST WEEK. THE 35 DAY TEST RUN IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN MAY 24. BARAMULI AGREED TO FINANCE TEST RUN COSTS. KELLY ACTING GENERAL MANAGER, SIEBERS AND HODGSON WAITING IN JAKARTA FOR BACK PAY.
- 7. OPIC REP. SCHEDULE IS LEAVE JAKARTA LATER PART OF NEXT WEEK FOR BANGKOK AND WASHINGTON. PLEASE ADVISE ALMA ALL IS WELL. OPIC REP. AT HOTEL INDONESIA. NEWSOM

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